

Senate Resolution 529

By: Senator Balfour of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Ashley Smith for her heroism; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, in March, 2005, Ashley Smith heroically faced a terrifying situation, risking her
3 own life to prevent harm from coming to others; and
- 4 WHEREAS, relying on her faith to see her through the ordeal, she remained calm and
5 levelheaded despite the danger in which she found herself; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she believed that there was a life purpose for her which has undoubtedly
7 culminated in these pivotal circumstances and, through her merciful kindness, she shared this
8 message of hope with the man that had taken her hostage; and
- 9 WHEREAS, even her captor came to recognize her great strength of spirit, calling her "an
10 angel sent from God," and was moved by the love she expressed for her daughter; and
- 11 WHEREAS, after the peaceful resolution of this potentially grim situation, which the
12 authorities have largely credited to her remarkable composure, she has further contributed
13 to her fellow citizens by sharing her story, which has provided valuable insights for dealing
14 with such frightening situations; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the citizens of this state owe Ashley Smith a debt of gratitude and it is
16 abundantly fitting and proper that her strength of spirit be recognized appropriately.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
18 commend Ashley Smith upon her unparalleled display of courage and fortitude and express
19 their deepest gratitude for her brave and unselfish actions.
- 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
21 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Ashley Smith.